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NOW AND THEN, THE U.S. LION MUST STAND UP AND ROAR

MR. IVOR RICHARD, Q.C., IS NOWADAYS THE TOAST OF THE PUSILLANIMOUS SET, WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OUTSIDE IT, FOR HIS OH-SO-WORLDLY DENUNCIATION OF THE RECENT ACTIVITY OF HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPART IN THE UNITED NATIONS, DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN. MR. RICHARD IS THE AMBASSADOR FROM GREAT BRITAIN, AND HE IS LECTURING US NOW ON HOW TO BEHAVE IN THE U.N., HIS SPECIAL CREDENTIALS BEING ENGLAND'S FOREIGN POLICY DURING THE CENTURY WHICH DREW TWO WARS, THE VERSAILLES PEACE TREATY, AND APPROXIMATELY AS MANY DICTATORSHIPS AS THERE WERE FORMER BRITISH COLONIES - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RHODESIA, WHICH MR. RICHARD'S SUPERIORS REGULARLY DENOUNCE IN ACCENTS THAT WOULD EMBARRASS EVEN MR. MOYNIHAN.

WHAT IS IT THAT UPSETS MR. RICHARD? WELL, IT IS THE ZEAL WITH WHICH MR. MOYNIHAN HAS LATELY DENOUNCED THE POLICIES OF COL. AMIN, AND THE ZIONIST RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, MR. RICHARD SAID IN HIS SPEECH TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE USA, THAT IN FACT THE VAUNTED ARAB-AFRICAN MAJORITY IS ACTUALLY "BREAKING DOWN"?

THAT IS THE GOOD NEWS, BUT FIVE MINUTES LATER MR. RICHARD ASKED HIS LISTENERS TO "REMEMBER" THAT THE NEW AND WEAK COUNTRIES FEEL A DESIRE FOR UNITY BECAUSE - PRESUMABLY LIKE THE ARAB COUNTRIES - THEY ARE SO POOR AND WEAK.

WHAT REALLY CAUSES MR. RICHARD TO DESPAIR - SO MUCH SO THAT HE QUOTES KING LEAR, AND INVOKES THE MEMORY OF SAVONAROLA - IS MR.

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MOYNIHAN'S REACTION TO THE UN VOTE ON "PURELY IDEOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL ISSUES." HE WOULDNT' CATCH IVOR RICHARD DOING ANY SUCH THING. "I DO NOT SEE IT (THE U.N.) AS A FORUM IN WHICH TO ARGUE MY OWN PARTICULAR BRAND OF POLITICAL THEOLOGY." "CERTAINLY", HE WENT ON, IT IS NOT GEARED AS A "CONFRONTATIONAL ARENA IN WHICH TO TAKE ON THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND IDEOLOGY ARE DIFFERENT FROM MINE...WHATEVER ELSE THE PLACE IS, IT IS NOT THE OK CORRAL AND I AM HARDLY WYATT EARP."

I DO NOT THINK THAT ANYONE WOULD CONFUSE IVOR RICHARD, Q.C., FOR WYATT EARP. BUT I DO THINK ENGLISH AMBASSADORS TO THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD THUMB THROUGH THE CHARTER AND THE CONVENTIONS OF THAT BODY BEFORE COMING TO NEW YORK, THOUGH TO BE SURE TO READ ABOUT THE IDEALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT THE BEST PREPARATION FOR TOLERATING IT.

YOU SEE, THE POINT OF MR. MOYNIHAN'S RECENT STATEMENTS ISN'T THAT ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD EMBRACE ANY PARTICULAR BRAND OF POLITICAL THEOLOGY. IF MR. IVOR RICHARD WERE TO STAND UP IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DEMAND THAT EVERYONE IN THE ROOM SING "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN", HE WOULD MAKE HIMSELF EVEN MORE ABSURD THAN HE HAS NOW DONE. BUT MR. MOYNIHAN IS NOT ASKING THE UN TO ACCEPT THE HEGEMONY OF AMERICAN IDEALS, HE IS ASKING THE UN TO ACCEPT THE UN'S IDEALS. HE IS DEFENDING THE INSTITUTION AGAINST THE BRAZEN CORRUPTION OF IT BY THE INCUMBENT DELEGATES.

THERE MUST BE AS MANY ANTI-RACIST MANIFESTOS IN THE UNITED NATIONS AS THERE ARE SAINTS' DAYS IN COSTA RICA. ALONG COMES A CHARACTER FROM UGANDA WHO PRACTICES RACISM WITH SYSTEMATIC ZEAL, AND BEGINS TO ATTACK OTHER NATIONS, INCLUDING OUR OWN, AND A FEW WEEKS LATER, BY A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRONOUNCES ZIONISM TO BE A FORM OF RACISM, AN EQUATION EVEN THE LANGUID MR. RICHARD KNOWS NOT TO BE THE CASE. SUPPOSE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAD ORDAINED THAT THE SQUARE ROOT OF 25 IS 31. WOULD MR. RICHARD HAVE BEEN AS TOLERANT? AS CONDESCENDING? BECAUSE THAT, REALLY, IS WHAT HE IS BEING. MOYNIHAN IS TAKING THE UNITED NATIONS SERIOUSLY. THAT IS TO SAY, HE IS ATTACHING IMPORTANCE TO ITS PRONOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES. ONLY BY DOING SO CAN HE INVEST IT WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

MR. RICHARD COMES FROM THAT LONG LINE OF ENGLISH DIPLOMATIC WISE MEN WHO CONSIDERED HITLER AS "PURELY AN IDEOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL ISSUE". HE SHOULD REALIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES IN THESE DAYS IS DOING THE LION'S SHARE OF THE WORK IN KEEPING THE HITLERS OF THIS WORLD AT BAY, AND THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE, UNIQUELY, MUST FROM TIME TO TIME, ROAR LIKE A LION. AND WHEN WE DO, WHICH IS NOT VERY OFTEN, POOR RICHARD OUGHT TO WRITE THAT DOWN IN HIS ALMANAC, INSTEAD OF STICKING OUT HIS TONGUE AT THE TEACHER.
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